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- 1. RESPONSES REPORTED IN REF B TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARAS B-E OF REFTEL C STILL APPLY.
- 2. NEWLY APPOINTED VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FERNANDO DEL CASTILLO HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT COSTA RICA'S MLO OBJECTIVES THIS YEAR WILL REVOLVE AROUND UNGA AND THAT HUMAN RIGHTS WILL BE CENTERPIECE. GOCR HAS NOT YET FIRMLY SET SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES; UN AMBASSADOR SALAZAR NAVARETTE WILL TRAVEL TO SAN JOSE WEEK OF AUGUST 29 FOR CONSULTATION IN THIS REGARD.
- 3. ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEL CASTILLO SAID THAT COSTA RICA'S ACTIVITY WILL BE GEARED TO PRESIDENT ODUBER'S OCT 20 UNGA ADDRESS, WHICH WILL HIGHLIGHT HUMAN RIGHTS AND CREATION OF A HIGH UN COMMISSIONER. FOR TIME BEING COSTA RICA IS NOT ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PREPARATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AT UNGA.
- 4. ONLY MLO CANDIDACY IN WHICH COSTA RICA IS INTERESTED IS PRESIDENCY OF 33RD UNGA FOR FORMIN FACIO. (SAN JOSE 3851). DEL CONFIDENTIAL

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CASTILLO SAID THAT COSTA RICO IS TOYING WITH IDEA OF PRESIDENCY OF 3RD COMMITTEE, BUT DROPPED IT IN FAVOR OF WORKING EXCLUSIVELY FOR GA PRESIDENCY.

5. ALTHOUGH DEL CASTILLO DID NOT MENTION IT, EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT COSTA RICA, AS LAST YEAR, WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PREVENT PROLIFERATION OF MEETINGS AWAY FROM MLO HEADQUARTERS

(REF B, PARA A.1).

 $\bf 6.$ POST MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER IS CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION JOHN F MAISTO. WEISSMAN

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